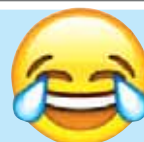


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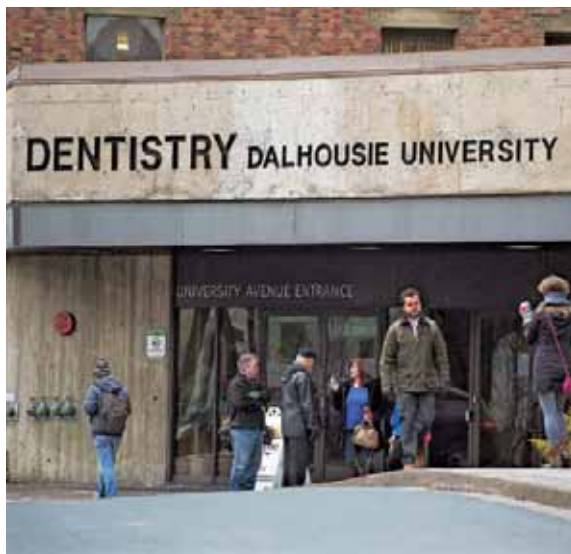
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In 2015, the number of deaths caused by the misadventures of selfie-taking outnumbered fatal shark attacks. The total selfie body count is 12, compared to 8 fatal shark attacks.



Dalhousie University's dentistry building on Monday, Jan. 12, 2015. The 13 students who allegedly posted sexually explicit messages on Facebook will be taught separately from classmates. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Syrian refugees arrive at the island of Kos, Greece, after crossing from Turkey in August. Many have been approved for entry to Canada, including some to Halifax. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Most of Canada cheered on Oct. 19 when Justin Trudeau won the federal election and became Prime Minister. Every seat in Nova Scotia went Liberal red. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CULTURAL EVOLUTION

Big things are happening; we record them in this edition



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Welcome to Metro's Time Capsule. Maybe you're wondering what it is you're holding. Allow me to explain.

This past year, it seemed to us, was a year in which we were on the verge of ... something. We couldn't put our finger on exactly what it was, but change was undeniably in the air.

We saw it in our cities, in our

country, and in our world. We saw it on our TVs, laptops, and phones. We saw it in Paris, in Ottawa, and south of the border. We saw it in how we talked to and treated each other.

Halifax is changing, but to say if, overall, the changes are positive or negative would be simplistic.

Some changes are obviously positive — the crumbling of

rape culture in the wake of the Rehtaeh Parsons case and the Dalhousie dentistry scandal, for instance, but most are more nuanced. Downtown development is arguably a net benefit to Halifax, though some of its side effects are hurting businesses on the ground as cranes tower around them.

Others are purely subjective, like Premier Stephen McNeil's

battles with the film industry and unions, where one's point of view makes McNeil either a union-bashing, job-killing villain or the province's money-saving, neoliberal saviour.

And the effect of changes still to come with the redevelopment of Shannon Park, and where the city's transit will go — both also subjective — are still unknown.

At times like these the desire to look ahead is matched only by the desire to take stock — to preserve for posterity a world and way of life that won't be entirely familiar to the future.

Hence, our Time Capsule. We've collected artifacts that signify some of the momentous changes — also some of the weird and random changes — that are underway (or

imminent) and we've stuffed them into the edition you're currently holding. On every page you'll find a story about one of them.

It's our duty as journalists to preserve our moment in time, and we hope it will be your pleasure as readers to marvel at a world that has still yet to become what it will become.

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CYBER-BULLYING

RAPE CULTURE: NO LONGER SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG

Rehtaeh Parsons is the poster child of a changing attitude in Halifax.

Even though Parsons died in 2013, the aftermath of her death carried well into 2015, and we include her picture in this capsule knowing that the lessons learned about sexual assault this year will carry well into the future.

In the year that saw the court cases and public inquiries into Parsons' death wrap up, the city also watched its largest university stumble its way through handling a sexually violent and misogynistic Facebook group.

The Dalhousie dentistry scandal blew up at the start of the year, shining a light into the kind of misogynist attitudes that turned out to be commonplace at the school.

The actions of the men in the class who'd taken part — and the school's perceived inaction in punishing them — led to public outrage on social media, as well as protests at the school.

Around the same time, the man accused of posing in the photo of Parsons allegedly being raped was dealt a sentence of one year probation.

Months later, the report into the police and the public prosecutions service's handling of the Parsons case was tabled, criticizing all parties, and making a number of recommendations for dealing with similar cases in the future.

Before that, a report by a task force on Dalhousie's problem was tabled showing long prevalent sexism, racism and homophobia in the school's department — much of it

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Recommendations made to Dalhousie University following the dentistry scandal.

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Recommendations made to the province and the police following the review into the Rehtaeh Parsons case.

quite literally written on the wall at the school's bar.

That report made recommendations, too.

The public perception of all of this so-called justice was that it was too little, too late.

And it was.

Like the Parsons case, the

Dalhousie dentistry scandal ended with no more than a slap on the wrist for the alleged perpetrators, and a non-committal written

report for the powers that be, but both contributed to a shift in how sexism and misogyny are handled in Halifax.

The constant exposure of cases like Rehtaeh's and the Dalhousie dentistry school served to educate a public that should have known better already, but didn't.

People started to think twice about sending that sexist tweet or reposting that meme on Facebook.

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

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Rehtaeh was looking for validation during her lifetime and it didn't seem to come.

Murray Segal



INTO THE CAPSULE

Photo of Rehtaeh

Not to say Halifax is completely devoid of sexism and misogyny, but 2015 is the year things started to take a turn for the better. The city is done with sweeping rape culture under the rug, due in part to Rehtaeh's story.



Several downtown restaurants and shops banded together to create the #HFXPylonClub, which challenged consumers to hop over blockades in the city's core to help keep their businesses up and running. JEFF HARPER/METRO

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

THE WAR OF THE PYLONS

DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES THWARTED BY LOOMING CONSTRUCTION OF NOVA CENTRE



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Pylons.

The streets of downtown Halifax were flooded with the things all year, blocking businesses and redirecting traffic. All to make way for the Nova Centre — the city's supposed concrete and glass saviour.

Restaurants and shops surrounding the city's largest-ever construction project fought for help from the government all year as sales numbers dropped by as much as 25 per cent. Making matters worse, many of the pylons went up in December, blocking streets in front of shops and restaurants in the weeks leading up to the holidays — the make-or-break time for a small business.

In the absence of government help, the businesses

pooled together to create the #HFXPylonClub. They produced a cheeky video and offered discounts in hopes of getting people to "brave the construction and jump over the pylons" to shop and eat in downtown Halifax.

In city council chambers, the reaction was split.

The majority of councillors asked for long-overdue reports on how to mitigate these issues for businesses — whether it be property tax relief or direct monetary compensation — with the area councillor asking why

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The city's really dropped the ball.

Coun. Wayne Mason



INTO THE CAPSULE

A downtown Halifax pylon

We've included a pylon in this capsule as a reminder of the trouble the orange traffic cones caused this year as construction ramped up on the \$500 million Nova Centre project.

those streets would ever be closed in December.

Others argued the increased foot traffic in the area when the building is done would more than make up for the year's losses.

But without help, there's no doubt those businesses will disappear before a single dollar trickles down the glass walls of the Nova Centre — if it ever does.

This year of big construction squeezing out small busi-

ness signifies an alarming harbinger of the way Halifax will grow in the coming years. As cranes pop up all over the peninsula, how will the city make sure the little guy doesn't get buried in the rubble?

Without those small businesses, what's left will be nothing more than concrete and glass, and if the city isn't careful, the "growth" of Halifax will mean the death of its character.

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A YEAR OF PROTEST

McNEIL V. THE PUBLIC SECTOR

LABOUR UNREST

Civil servants, health-care workers, film industry angry



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Premier Stephen McNeil picked as many fights as he could in 2015, and to top it off, he swung his best punch just before Christmas.

Happy holidays, workers!

We've added this #NSFilmJobs sign as the best symbol of the public reaction to McNeil's austere neo-Nova Scotia.

The film industry. Health care workers. Teachers. Public servants. None could get a dollar from McNeil's majority Liberal government in 2015.

The fight with health-care unions spilled over from late 2014, and the government finally managed to come to an agreement with unions on where each type of health-care worker would go.

The unions kind of won that one, but it doesn't make the



Supporters of the Film Tax credit yell during a noon hour rally — one of many this year — outside Province House. JEFF HARPER/METRO

government's action taste any less bitter.

Next, the Liberals tabled their 2015 budget, cutting the film

tax credit — along with myriad other programs and incentives — despite obvious anger from the industry.

Protests outside Province House became a daily routine, with thousands marching to demand the government keep Nova Scotia's filmmaking jobs in the province.

The government came up with a new tax credit system for the industry, but many of the productions, the jobs, and the young Nova



Not only do they have a gun to our head, they have a round in the chamber.

NSGEU vice-president Jason MacLean on Bill 148

Scotians were already on their way out of the province.

The Grinch comparisons started to flow in mid-December, when the Liberal government tabled Bill 148, legislating two-year wage freezes for 75,000 public employees.

All that outrage might lead you to believe McNeil was Nova Scotia's very own Satan incarnate, but the polls told a different

story: The premier remained the favourite party leader, and more than half of Nova Scotians supported the party, according to a November CRA poll.

McNeil's austerity actions would lay the groundwork for a future of provincial penny-pinching, rendering once mighty public sector unions essentially powerless.

But at the same time, you

couldn't hear a politician in the province speak without hearing something about the Ivany report, and keeping young people in the province.

Unfortunately, young people — future teachers, nurses, and filmmakers — need jobs in order to stay in the province. They need good-paying jobs too, or else they'll head West as they've done for years.

With Nova Scotia's aging population rallying behind McNeil's austerity measures, you can bet it's young people won't be sticking around to hear about the next cut.



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Sign of the times

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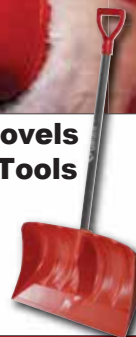


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DEVELOPMENT

Affordable housing crisis not addressed in proposals



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

What do you see when you look down off the MacKay Bridge?

A cluster of condos? A sports stadium? Affordable housing?

In 2015, Shannon Park was still a mess of mouldy old military barracks. Closed to DND personnel in the early 2000s, it has sat idle and collecting filth for more than a decade.

A stadium has been ruled out by the city, and the focus has instead turned toward other possible uses for the land.

At a public meeting in November, Canada Lands Company, which bought Shannon Park from the department of defence last year, presented



There's a bit of an opportunity here to push the envelope.

Chris Millier, Canada Lands director of real estate



Shannon Park near the base of the MacKay Bridge in Dartmouth. The site has sat idle since the early 2000s and is primed for development. JEFF HARPER/METRO

three options to the public.

Each one had basically the same characteristics: a commercial area, a mixed-use area, a main street neighbourhood, and a walking trail along the waterfront.

But none of the three had any sort of plan for affordable housing.

Canada Lands will divvy up the space to private developers who will face some restric-

tions in terms of height and land-use, but will be likely be free to charge whatever rent they please.

After a report last fall labelled the affordable housing situation in Halifax as a crisis, it's essential the city step up and make sure this space has rooms people can afford.

The problem: that would mean putting pressure on the city's developers.

A community-driven space at Shannon Park — with affordable housing — would signal a significant power shift in Halifax, from the hands of big, bank-rolled developers to the collective grasp of the people.



INTO THE CAPSULE

The park's rusty old swing

The rusty old swing sets and clotheslines are soon to be torn down, but exactly what will go up in their place remains a mystery after public meetings inviting input from the community. It's a reminder of what the space once was, and what it could be again.



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Commuters are desperate for a better way to get around the city. JEFF HARPER/METRO

PLANNING FOR A FASTER FUTURE

TRANSPORTATION

Councillors talk transit for tomorrow, not simply today



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

In 2015, this Halifax Transit ticket would only get you on a bus or ferry.

Change was on the distant horizon this year for Halifax Transit, with talk of technology upgrades, a route-map redesign and the possibility of commuter rail.

A city staff report told councillors that commuter rail wasn't economically feasible, but they asked for a report anyway.

Of course, some councillors have much more to gain politically than others in supporting commuter rail. It wouldn't help commuters in Dartmouth, for instance. A majority of councillors, though, agreed that while

commuter rail might not be feasible now, it would be eventually.

It won't only be feasible, but it will be necessary.

As the city continues to sprawl, it won't be possible to move people on roads designed for fewer cars.

As one city councillor said, commuter rail may not be economically feasible but it's better than building a third bridge or widening every artery into the downtown core.

And Mayor Mike Savage summed it up best, saying governments don't build things just to make money, they build things "to make communities better."

But the change doesn't end with commuter rail. The bus system is poised for change too.

A call for public input on a new route plan drew tens of thousands of suggestions, but whether the city listened isn't clear. Technology upgrades like automated stop announcements and bus tracking have been promised, but whether they will make getting around Halifax any easier is also unclear.

What is clear is that people are fed up with the status quo and commuters are desperate for a new way to get around.

Maybe Halifax's Uber chapter will finally take off in 2016.



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Halifax Transit ticket

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POLITICS

'Sunny ways' leader brightens U.S. relations



Melissa Dunne
For Metro Canada

When Justin met Barack it was seen as the start of a beautiful bromance.

While former prime minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama always kept things professional, one got the sense their relationship was more a marriage of convenience than a meeting of the souls.

When Obama and newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held their first news conference in late November one felt like yelling out: "Get a room, already!"

The frosty relations between America and Canada were clearly heating up with Obama, 54, warmly joking that Trudeau would have to start dyeing his famous brunette mane soon before it started to grey like his own had over the course of his presidency.

In the weeks following the Liberal leader's victory over the Conservative incumbent, much real and virtual ink had been spilled about Trudeau's luxurious locks, his fit physique and beautiful brood.

Like Obama early on in his presidency, there was an ex-



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has had to prove he's a fighter many times over the years, but will he emerge victorious by the end of his first term? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

plosion of stories regarding his DILF-in-chief status. And like Obama, it will be Trudeau's job to get the media and the public to start gushing over his sharp mind instead of his chiselled arms.

He's done it before.

Over his lifetime, Trudeau's many naysayers have often portrayed him as a himbo born with a silver spoon in his

mouth. Even glowing Vogue and The New York Times Magazine profiles printed shortly after his election victory both acknowledged his image for many years was that of the "feckless" son of former prime minister Pierre Trudeau. But, the 44-year-old has proven to be a fighter many times over the years.

During the long 2015

election campaign, Harper tried to dismiss Trudeau as a silly scion who was "just not ready."

But, just as he had done in his boxing match with Patrick Brazeau years before, the son of Pierre Trudeau went in as the underdog and

emerged as the winner.

In early 2016, Obama was set to take his relationship with Trudeau to the next level by wining and dining him at a state dinner.

For Canada's "sunny ways" leader, however, a possible dark cloud lurked on the horizon — the U.S. election.

A year into his leadership, Trudeau will have to try to form a new bond with the new president of the United States.

As 2015 wound down it seemed the eventual winner was likely to be either life-long politician Hillary Clinton or the controversy-courting Donald Trump.

It's clear Trudeau will have to prove he can withstand the political punches round after round after round. Will he ultimately have his hand held up in the air in victory, or will he be holding his head in his hands in defeat at the end of his first term? Will he run for re-election and win again like his late father did?

The future is not ours to see, but if fils is like père, Trudeau 2.0 will certainly continue to give us something worth watching in 2016 and beyond.



INTO THE CAPSULE

Photo of Trudeau meeting Obama



On Nov. 19, 2015 — after many years of polite, but distant relations — Canada's new prime minister ushered in what many hope will be an era of warmth between the U.S. and Canada as he met with the president for the first time.



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INFRASTRUCTURE

CRITICS LOST BUT CANADA LEARNED

**ACTIVISTS BETTER ARMED
THAN EVER FOR THE NEXT
SMARTER-CITIES DEBATE**

**Andrew
Fifield**
Metro

This past year looked like a watershed one for aggressive advocacy for smarter cities.

Armed with hashtags and studies on issues such as induced traffic demand, the true costs of driving and pedestrian versus motorist shopping habits, urbanists stormed Twitter to weigh in on how councils handled our growing cities.

Toronto's debate on an elevated highway featured serious discussion (and misinformation!) about traffic patterns and emissions while turning the city's chief planner into a cult hero.

Vancouver's referendum on a dedicated sales tax to build desperately needed transit stuffed social media with substantial policy talk. However, in both cases, the status quo won.

Many of these debates were lost, despite facts and figures trotted out by urbanists. But with Liberals promising to get that cash flowing, these discussions are coming again. And the activists will be even more ready to go.

The status quo won in 2015. But a recognition that the way we are living is un-

sustainable was a thread that ran throughout the year. Toronto kept its elevated highway, but all parties agreed that traffic-clogged cities were a problem. Vancouver abandoned its transit tax, but the opposition made considerable gains by making it an issue of fiscal accountability.

A Liberal government that has vowed to open the spigot for infrastructure spending will draw plenty of open hands during its first full year in power. Some cities will miss out on that cash because their politicians spent preceding years squabbling over reasons not to build transit. Or why we shouldn't take away space from private vehicles to allow for more active transportation.

Or maintain highways that funnel traffic into downtown cores that are choked by it.

These issues will only grow more pressing as developed economies move away from fossil fuels and toward multi-modal lifestyles. Advocates who cut their teeth on 2015's illuminating, frequently futile arguments for building smarter cities will be even more ready for the next round, and hopefully inadequacies like the bike-lane bollard will land on the scrap heap.

WORDS FOR THE FUTURE

**A recognition
that the way
we are living is
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Plastic bike-lane bollard

Bollards are an ineffectual device used before municipalities took things like multi-modal transport seriously. Such short-term thinking has resulted in cities built on the cheap to better serve an aging way of life.

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SEEDING A NEW SYSTEM OF POT SALES

MARIJUANA

Liberals to create task force for legalization

The federal Liberals promised to legalize recreational marijuana during the 2015 election.

In December, after they took power, they promised in the inaugural throne speech to “legalize, regulate and restrict access to marijuana” to keep it out of the hands of children while also denying criminals the financial profits.

The new government plans to remove possession of small amounts of marijuana from the Criminal Code and create new laws to more severely punish those who provide it to minors or drive while under its influence.

There are dozens of clinics or dispensaries springing up in cities across Canada that sell medicinal marijuana — mainly in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia — and there are referral-only clinics staffed with doctors who assess patients but don’t sell pot. They give patients a prescription to take to a licensed



The Liberals have promised marijuana revenue will go to addictions and mental health treatments. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

marijuana producer.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised to create a task force with representatives from the three levels of government and, with input from experts in public health, substance abuse and policing, to help design a new system of marijuana sales and distribution.

Trudeau stressed the importance of listening to municipal partners, provinces and the medical marijuana industry, as well as drawing on best practices from

around the world.

“We are going to get this right in a way that suits Canadians broadly, and specifically in their communities.”

Trudeau also said any tax revenues from legal marijuana should go toward addiction treatment, mental health support and education programs — not general revenues.

“It was never about a money-maker,” he said.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne recently said that prov-

incially owned Liquor Control Board of Ontario stores were “very well-suited” to sell marijuana.

Wynne isn’t the only one looking for a socially responsible way to retail marijuana. The British Columbia Government and Service Employees’ Union and the B.C. Private Liquor Store Association joined forces to call for legal marijuana to be sold through their existing retail system, which includes about 200 private and 200 government-

run stores.

BCGEU president Stephanie Smith said the union did not take a position on whether it supports the plan to legalize marijuana, “but we do believe that when this happens, it ought to be sold in the most socially responsible way possible, in an age-controlled environment with the strongest track record of checking identification.”

Expectations are changing fast in Ontario, which only last week updated its liquor laws to allow

INTO THE CAPSULE

A joint

For generations, recreational marijuana use was seen as, if not deviant, then at least criminal. The new Liberal government was elected, in part, on a promise to change that.



the sale of six-packs of beer in selected grocery stores. Minutes after Wynne made the announcement, she was asked why grocers couldn’t also sell pot.

“I don’t know what the federal government is going to bring forward, but we will work with them to make sure there are parameters of social responsibility around marijuana.”

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The Trudeau government hopes to restore the scandal-plagued Senate to its intended role as an independent chamber of sober second thought. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SENATE REFORM ISN'T SO EASY

ANALYSIS

Unelected legislative body seems anachronistic

Gabriel Zarate
For Metro

The Canadian Senate is a funny thing. In a world where a government's power is considered legitimate through democratic elections, our appointed Senate seems anachronistic at best.

The Senate's unelected nature has turned it into a cesspool of partisan crony appointments by both Liberal and Conservative prime ministers.

This has not endeared it to Canadians in recent decades, nor have years of scandals among sitting senators.

Currently, the reputed king of scandalous senatorial behaviour is Mike Duffy, accused of filing tens of thousands of dollars of bogus expense claims, inappropriately awarding consulting contracts and accepting a bribe from then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper's chief of staff Nigel Wright to pay the Senate back when he was caught.

It doesn't have to be this way, and maybe by the time this time capsule is opened, it won't be.

For decades Canadians have talked about reforming or even abolishing the Senate.

An elected Senate with term limits was one of Harper's major pledges through-

out his political career and, in the recent federal campaign, New Democratic Party leader Tom Mulcair vowed abolition should his party be elected.

However, in 2014 the Supreme Court ruled that such major changes would not be easy.

A constitutional amendment would be necessary, and that would require approval of seven out of 10 provinces for Harper's reforms and all 10 provinces in the case of abolition.

Lest we forget, the last time Canadians were asked to amend the Constitution was in the Meech Lake Accord of 1987, which was resoundingly defeated in a referendum — despite its endorsement by all the federal party leaders. This was no doubt on Harper's mind when he abandoned Senate reform, especially considering his atrocious record working with provincial governments.

appointed nature of Senators but (in theory) removing the partisan cronyism which has come to characterize the upper house.

As Opposition leader Trudeau expelled Liberal senators from his party's caucus, officially making them independent members.

Since his election as prime minister two Conservative Senators — Jacques Demers and John Wallace — quit their caucus in support of Trudeau's push for Senate non-partisanship.

Recently Trudeau announced that the Senate will solicit applications from the public to fill the Red Chamber with "exceptional" Canadians from various walks of life.

Instead of coming from the prime minister's office, recommendations for new Senators now will come from an arms-length, independent, five-member advisory board.

WORDS FOR THE FUTURE

Under Justin Trudeau, the Senate will solicit appointments from the public



INTO THE CAPSULE

A courtroom sketch of Mike Duffy

The Conservative senator, who claims he was strong-armed into unpalatable decisions by then-prime minister Stephen Harper and members of his inner circle, is still in court dealing with 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery in relation to his Senate expense accounts.

Current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has moved toward reform in a less radical way, one that does not require Constitutional revision: by maintaining the

By the time this time capsule is opened, the Canadian Senate may look very different.

Or maybe it will look just the same.

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AIDING REFUGEES

Jillian Bell
For Metro

In 2015, Syria was in the midst of a crisis. An ongoing, years-long civil war, further complicated by the involvement of terrorist groups like the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, had left four million Syrians as refugees.

At the moment, there are a wide array of Canadian groups sponsoring refugees,

and many more clamouring to raise money to help resettle the 25,000 Syrian refugees expected by early 2016.

Where the Stephen Harper government was once resistant to refugees, Canada's new administration has thrown open the doors, allowing Syrian refugees to experience all of the freedoms and privileges our nation has to offer.

Hopefully the outpouring of acceptance Canadians are offering to these newcomers will continue.



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Trudeau's promise

The Liberals made (mostly) good on a campaign promise to facilitate the sponsorship and settlement of 25,000 Syrians.

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United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, centre, accomplished a major goal in 2015. Through his efforts, 200 governments adopted a global agreement on greenhouse gas emissions. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

BAN GOT THE WORLD TO AGREE

CLIMATE CHANGE

Governments worldwide agreed to rein in emissions

When international negotiators reached a first-of-its-kind climate change agreement in Paris this month, the United Nations' normally low-key leader, Ban Ki-moon, celebrated onstage, arms raised in victory and more exuberant than many had ever seen him before.

Nearly nine years had passed since, in his first days as secretary-general, Ban surprised world leaders by making global warming a top item on his agenda. Now, on the eve of his final year in office, the cheers in Paris marked the culmination of his nonstop campaign, pressed with world leaders at summit after summit and in locales including melting glaciers and islands at risk of disappearing.

It was an emotional moment, and looking back at the road to Paris in an interview with The Associated Press, Ban paid tribute to many people, including the leaders of the United States, China, India and France. He also spoke proudly of his own role.

No other leader in the world "has been raising, without fail, all the time, climate change," Ban said. "I have spent real passion ... and most of my time and energy on this issue."

It was quite a shift for the former South Korean foreign minister, whose main focus before becoming the eighth UN secretary-general in 2007 was his country's standoff with North Korea.

Ban traced his interest in climate change to his yearlong campaign to lead the United Nations, which took him to many countries and broadened his vision of global issues.

At the time, climate change was not a popular topic.

The 1997 Kyoto treaty, which required only rich countries to limit emissions blamed for global warming, was set to expire in 2012. Negotiations on a new agreement had almost collapsed, Ban said.

"I thought that I needed to revive this one," he said.

His first high-level meeting as UN chief was with then-President George W. Bush. The original agenda for their meeting didn't include climate change, Ban said, and Bush "seemed to be a little

bit surprised" when he raised it.

Undeterred, Ban decided to hold the first-ever climate change summit at the United Nations in July 2007.

He invited Bush and told him that the success of the summit would depend on his participation. Bush came, though he didn't address the summit.

That connection paid off at a UN conference in Bali in December 2007.

The United States, the lone major industrial nation to reject Kyoto, was opposing India's proposal to strengthen requirements for richer nations to help poorer countries with technology to limit emissions. In one of the most memorable moments in climate change diplomacy, tiny Papua New Guinea implored America to lead or get out of the way.

An isolated United States capitulated, and the first roadmap for addressing climate change was adopted. "Miraculously, I was able to save this one, but I didn't know why," Ban said.

In early 2009, he finally found

Ban said.

One was to have every country provide its own national action plan to combat climate change. Another was to get countries to agree to have a universal climate change agreement by 2015.

Meanwhile, Ban was traveling the world to spotlight the impacts of climate change. His visits to Antarctica and the Arctic showcased melting ice, and his visits to the Aral Sea in central Asia and Lake Chad in west Africa warned of their disappearance.

As the summit in Paris approached, Ban participated in monthly strategy videoconferences with the leaders of France and Peru and later, Germany. One key decision was to reverse the usual negotiations process and have country leaders attend the start of the summit to give impetus and clear direction to negotiators.

The Paris opening was the largest-ever gathering of country leaders, with 150 assembled, the secretary-general said.

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The Paris 2015 climate-conference logo

After the failure of Kyoto and the disappointment of Copenhagen, the world finally came rallied around the climate-change problem — at least symbolically — at the Paris conference. The agreement calls on both poor and rich countries to cut greenhouse gas pollution. It aims to keep global temperatures from rising another degree Celsius between now and 2100.

out. Ban and his wife were invited to dinner at the White House in the last days of the Bush presidency. Bush told the UN chief that when the Bali meeting reached a difficult moment, he got a call from the head of the U.S. delegation asking for instructions. Ban said Bush told him: "Suddenly, you came to my mind. Then I told the delegation head, 'Do what the secretary-general of the UN wants to do.'"

But then came the disappointment of the 2009 Copenhagen climate change negotiations.

In Copenhagen, a newly elected President Barack Obama showed "great commitment," even working on proposed global text from his laptop, Ban said. But there were too many differences and negotiations ended with no agreement.

"From the failure of Copenhagen, we learned a great lesson,"

But there were about half a dozen "spoilers," countries ready to block consensus on an agreement. Nicaragua refused to submit its national plan, arguing that rich nations should be compelled to make deeper emission cuts.

Ban recalled the moment the Nicaraguan delegation said "we will not block" a deal. The French foreign minister immediately gavelled approval of the agreement, which was later adopted unanimously.

Ban's perseverance and leadership were essential, said former Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland, who headed a UN-appointed commission that published a groundbreaking report in 1987 outlining the dangers of climate change.

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DONALD TRUMP'S CLOWNING GLORY

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

From silly punchline to contender



Melissa Dunne
For Metro

In the dog days of Summer 2015 Donald Trump's wrinkled, jowly, aged-spotted head, adorned with his infamous comb-over, landed on the cover of Time magazine. In bold white font were three words: "Deal with it."

Soon after his face and ri-

diculous hairdo landed on the cover of Rolling Stone. Even The New York Times Magazine put him on their front, albeit opting for a cartoon likeness of his visage on a balloon floating upwards.

While print media's influence was dwindling in the face of stiff competition from on-line news sites, landing the cover of a glossy magazine still could (and clearly did) inflate a person's ego and influence in 2015. Trump didn't appear to mind that the articles inside those magazines' pages were not flattering as the cover stories only seemed to prove an old adage the once-reality television star understood all

too well: All publicity is good publicity.

Earlier, The Huffington Post editors called out Trump's circus act deeming it a "sideshow" that was only worthy of the fluffy entertainment pages, not the serious politics section of the liberal-leaning website.

Despite reams of negative press, The Donald still went from being a silly punchline when he first threw his hat in the ring in June to a serious contender for the job of president of the United States as 2015 wound down. By late December, the billionaire blowhard turned politico had pulled off what would have sounded like a bad joke just a year earlier.

Even less funny was how the businessman pulled off such a feat.

He managed to land high-profile covers and the top spot in polls for GOP leader by tapping into an undercurrent of racism still flowing in America.



Donald Trump addresses supporters at a campaign rally in Michigan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A Trump doll

Once seen as a joke candidate, by the end of 2015 the billionaire reality-TV star had become the front-runner for the Republican nomination. This did not bode well for the political future.



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PLAYING BY OLD RULES IS ABSURD

SYRIAN REFUGEES

Dissonance between Dublin decree, crisis almost ugly

Emina Gamulin
Metro

While there are many objects that could have spoken to the perilous journey as many as a million people made to seek a better life in Europe in 2015 — or a life, period — it is multinational indentured agreements that best illustrate the obstacles they faced to entering the West.

For this reason we've enclosed all 29 pages of the Dublin Regulation (also known as the Dublin Regulation III, Regulation No. 604/2013; previously the Dublin II Regulation and Dublin Convention) in the time capsule.

Dublin decreed that EU countries that served as entry points for would-be refugees were responsible for assessing their asylum claims. The country where the asylum



An Iraqi man disembarks from a dinghy with other migrants from the Turkish coast to the Greek island of Lesbos. European Union leaders have set a six-month deadline for deciding whether to push ahead with plans for a border guard agency that could deploy to member states unwilling to manage their borders as thousands continue to arrive in Europe daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

seeker first applied was responsible for either accepting or rejecting the claim, and the seeker was not allowed to start the process over in

another jurisdiction.

Asylum seeking is nothing new, but something felt unprecedented in what we saw in 2015. People from all over

risks their lives on journeys in rubber boats across the Mediterranean, predominantly arriving on Greek shores and then travelling by land

in record numbers through the Balkans.

In December, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) announced 2015 was set to break the all-time record for displaced people.

The response in Europe was disappointing. Some countries built fences (Hungary, Slovenia), others restricted passage to people from just a handful of countries (Serbia, Croatia), and even rich, generous Germany, threatened legal action against countries ignoring their quotas.

Dublin wasn't all bad. The first few pages concerning the Geneva Convention, human rights protections and talk of solidarity were promising, but the obstructive role

it played in getting people from point A to point B and unfair ones it put on entry-point countries rendered much this high-minded talk moot.

Dublin III can remind us of the tragic absurdity of playing by rules that were written for yesterday's world. The dissonance between this carefully crafted agreement and the situation on the ground is almost ugly.

The EU looked at a million asylum claims in 2015 and expected to see triple that over the next year. What's most needed are things that are simple to understand: Brains, heart, guts. I trust that any people who manage to find this capsule in 2045 figured that out.

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Dublin III Wikipedia page

2015 saw a record number of displaced people migrating to Europe. The EU agreement known as Dublin III is a reminder of what happens when we're forced to help others with tools that don't work.



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THINGS LIKELY NEVER TO HAPPEN AGAIN

Many strange and bizarre things have happened this year, from basing a court decision on a movie character, to mistakenly airing state secrets on TV, to being shot by a dog named Trigger. Here, Metro preserves the weird news that made us laugh out loud or shake our heads in this time capsule edition.



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1 Republicans want to bomb Agrabah — fictional home of Aladdin

U.S. Republican primary voters have really trumped themselves this time. Never mind the fact that the place doesn't exist, but Agrabah is defended by the ever-mighty and fearful Genie. There's no chance of getting past the region's loveable, wish-fulfilling blue friend. With a wave of his hands, Genie could make that bomb disappear. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



SCREENGRAB

3 Gollum: Good or bad?

While Turkey has never been the bastion of free speech in the world, this still feels like a step too far. Turkish doctor Bilgin Ciftci could face up to two years in prison for allegedly insulting President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The judge, in order to determine whether an insult was made, is having experts assess whether the fictional Lord of the Rings character Gollum is good or bad. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



GETTY IMAGES

2 Caught with pants down

A Croatian human rights leader was caught with his pants down, like way down, at the moment he accepted an award from his country's president. On top of promoting democratic institutions, freedom of information and advocating human rights education in schools, Ivan Zvonimir Cicak — the president of the Croatian Helsinki Committee — is active in swiftly recovering his wayward pants in the presence of heads of state. **METRO**



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4 Secret plans for nuclear torpedo aired on TV

Talk about a major blunder. Details of a new Russian submarine-launched nuclear torpedo were shown on state-controlled TV, a secret the Kremlin said should never have been aired. Many, however, saw the incident as a deliberate leak intended to warn Washington. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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5 Doppelgangers meet on random Ryanair flight

If meeting your doppelganger is a bad omen, meeting one on an airplane must be doubly so. But thankfully, Neil Douglas and his bearded twin stranger landed safely in Ireland. Then they went out for a pint to celebrate their good fate. **METRO**



HANDOUT

6 San Francisco declares war on public urinators

In San Francisco's crusade against public urination, the rules of warfare are crystal clear: it's splash for splash. In an effort to curb the foul stench and costly cleanup caused by people urinating on city streets, San Francisco's Department of Public Works is testing out a new pee repellent that literally splashes the urinator back with his or her own pee. The repellent, which goes by the name Ultra Ever Dry, was created by a Florida-based company as a splashproof coating for cars.

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GETTY IMAGES

7 Trigger-happy canine

An Indiana dog named Trigger shot his 25-year-old owner Allie Carter in the left foot at point-blank range during a waterfowl hunt in October. Carter had laid her 12-gauge shotgun on the ground without the safety on and Trigger stepped on top of the shotgun and depressed the trigger.

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8 Unruly goat

A "disorderly" goat was corralled in northern New Jersey, after two Paramus police officers responded to "calls of a disorderly goat head-butting a door." Officers captured the goat as it was running in the roadway. The goat apparently was not injured in the incident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



SCREENGAB

9 Dancing genitals video for kids

In socially liberal Sweden, an educational video for children featuring dancing genitals has become an online hit — and even drawn criticism for not being progressive enough. The one-minute animated video promoting a television series about the human body, has been seen by more than four million YouTube viewers. Producers say many parents found it a great way to explain about private parts to children, though some called it inappropriate for a program aimed at children aged 3-6. But the clip also drew "unexpected" criticism from some Swedes, who said portraying the penis with a moustache and the vagina with long eyelashes reinforced gender stereotypes.

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Famous duo quash common perceptions of Millennials

Melissa Dunne
For Metro Canada

In 2015, Paris Hilton was still contributing little to the world, unless you count hosting DJ gigs in Ibiza and Vegas as giving back, that is.

The blonde heiress to the Hilton Hotel fortune was perhaps best known for parlaying her sex tape into fleeting reality-show fame in the early '00s.

History is littered with heirs and heiresses, like the 34-year-old Hilton, who are silly dilettantes that do nothing to make the world a better place. Her contemporaries, Mark Zuckerberg, 31, and his wife Dr. Priscilla Chan, 30, clearly do not want their baby daughter Max turning into Generation Z's Paris Hilton.

In December, the influential couple became the latest one-per-centers to pledge to give away the majority of their vast fortune.

In typical Millennial fashion at the time, Zuckerberg and Chan posted a cute photo of them gazing at their first-born child on the popular social networking website, Facebook. But, while many Millennials



Max Chan Zuckerberg is held by her parents, Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan Zuckerberg. MARK ZUCKERBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

were still paying off their student loans and wondering how they would ever afford to buy a house, the founder of Facebook and his pediatrician wife

were still paying off their student loans could match. In an open letter they let little Max and the world know they were going to give away 99 per cent of their Facebook shares (about \$45 billion U.S.) during their lifetimes.

According to a Forbes article, it's often said of wealthy American business families: "The first generation makes it, the second generation spends it, and the third generation blows it."

If Chan and Zuckerberg really do give away most of the money they've made,

as promised, there will still be a fair amount of dough for Max (and any future heirs) to spend/blow. Still, such a young and powerful couple pledging their fortune not to their heirs, but to society, so early in their lives is a significant sea change.

Back in 2010 billionaire businessmen Warren Buffett and Bill Gates officially started the Giving Pledge in a bid to get wealthy people and their families to give away at least 50 per cent of their wealth to philanthropic or charitable causes during their lifetimes,

or in their wills.

At that time many raised their eyebrows and were openly skeptical that one-per-centers would willingly give away their money to help the 99 per cent. The naysayers were wrong.

More than 100 of the world's wealthiest people and families have officially made the Giving Pledge.

Zuckerberg will hopefully influence more rich Millennial parents to pause before blindly passing down wealth to those that don't necessarily need or deserve it.



INTO THE CAPSULE

An old-timey cab

Despite the angry protestations of cab drivers, it's increasingly clear the taxi industry isn't going to beat Uber.

UBER RIDING HIGH IN CANADA

Sarah Kester
For Metro

Uber is taking Canadian cities by storm. While people looking for cheap transportation are embracing the app, the taxi industry is not. Cab drivers have held disruptive and angry protests across the country, calling on city officials to do something about what they feel is an illegal service.

As the battle is waged on the streets and in council meeting rooms, it's increasingly clear the taxi industry isn't going to win this one. They've already started to adapt — drivers have signed up for Uber to catch more fares and companies are redesigning their apps.

The sharing economy is winning. The Internet is moving faster than legislative bodies can regulate and there may come a time when we don't look to conventional businesses to provide us with our services.

Whether Uber survives, it's clear their momentum has forever changed the taxi industry. Maybe in a few years we'll have several different app based transportation companies.



INTO THE CAPSULE

Printout of Zuckerberg's letter

Wealthy parents tend to hoard their riches to pass down to their children. Not Mark Zuckerberg. In celebration of their first child, Max, the co-founder of Facebook and his wife committed to give away 99 per cent of Facebook shares to charitable purposes.



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Into the vault goes the offhand, off-colour comment

Goodbye to the offhand comment, the minor infraction and the ill-conceived joke. We're witnessing the end of the small and inconsequential act.

Consider the fake indigenous headdress beloved by white Halloweeners. In it goes to Metro's time capsule, because you can't get away with it — or anything — anymore.

In our hyper-monitored, hyper-public, hyper-politically correct and hyper-critical world, anything you say or do could potentially go viral. Low-level racism is highlighted, and condemned in a way previously reserved for more overt discrimination. If you dare express a less than perfectly progressive (in the eyes of God knows who) opinion, your words could screw you.

Halloween is the perfect example, and nowhere better made this year than at Yale. Students railed against a teacher who tried to advocate for nuance in costume condemnation, instead of top-down rules for what to wear. The lecturer only had to write one email, and watch the New Yorker, the Atlantic, and the New York Times dissect her words, and then, later, report on her resignation.

The controversy became, as many now do, wrapped up in the idea of safe spaces, a new tool being used to silence some voices, in the service of the new acceptable norms.

Small transgressions are in-

creasingly public. Post a photo on Facebook, or have a friend post a photo on Facebook, and who knows where it might end up. That image of you posing disrespectfully at a national memorial gets uploaded and the next thing you know, your moment of silliness is being re-counted as prime example of how online rage can ruin your life, in a book called *So You've Been Publicly Shamed*.

Drunken antics during a live TV broadcast (a la the FHRITP guys), could echo through social media and cost your job, reputation or self-respect.

On one hand, it's a very good thing to stop reducing whole cultures to imitations of Pocahontas. The small ripples of insensitivity rest on the surface of a much deeper sea of exploitation, inequality and racism we have yet to solve.

But mistakes of the insensitive or racist variety are inevitably made by otherwise decent people — and the constant policing of opinions does not mean unsavoury ones disappear. They only go into hiding, until they find a more acceptable avenue of expression. Like, say, a presidential candidate. Or a migration crisis that can easily be twisted to buoy xenophobia.

Either way, I don't think we can win a fight against the rise of perpetually threatening consequences to everything you say or do. We must now live carefully, and let live.

WAIT. SHOULD THIS NEWSPAPER ITSELF BE IN A TIME CAPSULE?

With so much free information available online, the survival of print media is in doubt. We tapped two veteran newsmen for their views on the future of news.

“I think newspaper readership is strongest among people who are soon going to be dead.”



John Gordon Miller

Author, *Yesterday's News: Why Canada's Daily Newspapers are Failing Us*

Newspapers are built on a business model that's no longer sustainable. It's not that some people don't prefer newspapers. People who work for them think they're irreplaceable. It's that they can't afford to print and distribute them. Newspapers have failed in Canada and the U.S., and I

expect that to continue and accelerate. I think there will always be a New York Times print newspaper. But for a Canadian newspaper in any big city, I'd say expecting it to survive 25 years would be optimistic.

There are two problems: Declining readership and declining advertising. When the Internet came along, newspapers really underestimated it. If they all got together, they could have become the biggest classified advertiser on the Internet. But they let it go, and the classifieds that used to be 20 or 30 pages are now

one or two. It's all online.

I think newspaper readership is strongest among people who are soon going to be dead. In the next 20 or 25 years, readership is going into the ground. Literally.

Where young people go for their information has been revolutionized by the Internet. They're not going to suddenly develop a newspaper habit. I don't think the newspapers that have migrated to the web are in tune enough with younger readers. So the future of news is really in specialized websites like iPolitics. Among younger people it's

“Why should I trust some old white guy to filter my news for me?”

Something very important will be lost. You have to tell the web what you're looking for. But when you're reading the paper, you can turn the page and see something you never thought of being interested in.

We've already seen steps towards newspapers only existing online or printing once a week — those are no longer daily newspapers.

If newspapers continue, they will be free ones like Metro. People always gravitate to something that's free.



Jim Poling



Managing Editor, *the Hamilton Spectator*

Print news is more responsive, easily accessible and tactile. Opening a newspaper is like smelling fresh air. You turn the page and all your senses come alive. It's a new fount of knowledge with every page turned.

Print is part of us. If all somebody did was read one newspaper front to back every day, they'd be

the smartest person in the room.

A newspaper has no “Sorry, this browser's out of date,” and no message saying “Sorry, this plug-in's not working.” I know when I turn a page, I get a guaranteed, instant surprise.

The majority of the information people want to read is produced in newsrooms. The good content you read on the Internet is stolen and ripped off and repurposed by other entities. I tell young journalists, don't worry about the platform. Chase the content. Produce good information, and the rest will

take care of itself.

Print news has a foreseeable shelf life. Is it declining? Perhaps parts of it are. What's really going on is an advertising change. If the advertising model was as robust as it was 20 years ago, we wouldn't be having this discussion.

I hope people want to pay for news. We provide an incredible and important service in addition to entertainment and comfort and knowledge.

The problem is that we've raised a generation of people who have been told they don't have to pay

for their media in any form. Our sin, as newspapers, was coming late to that party. The web came along and we threw all our content on it. It was like giving everybody free beer. And after three free beers we said, “Hey, now you've got to pay for your beer.” I don't think so.

Many people (in the news business) are struggling. There's no doubt we're going through some structural change. But people will get to a point where they do see value in what the news industry produces. And at least some people will pay for that.

“The majority of the content people want is made in newsrooms. Produce good information, and the rest will take care of itself.”



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THE YEAR WE REALLY DID BREAK

THE GENDER BARRIER



Eddie Redmayne was nominated for a 2016 Golden Globe for his role in *The Danish Girl*. HANDOUT

GENDER

When it came to transgender rights, 2015 was a game-changer

Devon Scoble
For Metro Canada

Imagine a world divided by strict gender codes, where men and women are born into their socially

mandated roles and the binary is policed by gendered pronouns — ‘he’ and ‘she’ for some instead of ‘they’ for all. Imagine a world where sex-specific washrooms are the norm, where trans individuals face harassment just for being themselves.

In the future, this will sound ridiculous, but in 2015, it’s reality.

Change will come, perhaps sporadically. This year *The New York Times* started using the gender-neutral honorific Mx. for individuals who neither identify as male or female, but the move has been largely ignored outside LGBTQ and

copyediting circles.

In 2015, *The Washington Post* also officially accepted ‘they’ as a singular pronoun.

But some cultural shifts happen faster than we can describe them, and while debates over honorifics and pronouns have failed to capture public interest, transgender issues were front and centre this year when Bruce Jenner became her true self: Caitlyn, a beautiful, media-savvy woman.

By no means the first trans spokesperson, Jenner was the most prominent and her transition sparked an important social conversation.

Trans stories like Jenner’s received unprecedented media coverage in 2015. Actor Jeffrey Tambor won a Golden Globe for portraying a trans woman on the television show *Transparent*, and as the year closed, Eddie Redmayne was nominated for a 2016 Golden Globe for his role in *The Danish Girl*.

In the film, Redmayne played Lili Elbe, one of the first people to undergo sex reassignment surgery. And Laverne Cox, who played transgender character Sophia Burset on the prison drama *Orange Is the New Black*, won a Daytime Emmy for her documentary *Laverne Cox Presents: The T Word*.

These awards and nominations helped promote trans stories, but tellingly, only one of the three actors — Cox — was actually transgender.

Despite the positive trans coverage, the real world wasn’t always easy for trans individuals.

In February 2015, Theron Meyer, a 20-year-old Simon Fraser University student who identified as trans feminine, told *Metro* of the humiliations she faced having to choose between the men’s and women’s washroom.

“They look at me, they exit the washroom and then look at me again to make sure what my gender is,” said Meyer. “That’s very ostracizing. I think a lot of people don’t experience that, and don’t understand the degree to which that is harmful to my livelihood and to other trans people’s livelihood.”

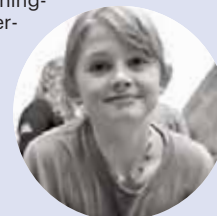
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TRANSGENDER TRAILBLAZERS OF 2015

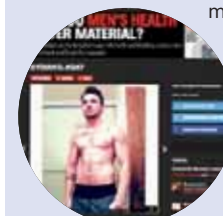
Harriette Cunningham

Harriette Cunningham’s birth certificate read male, but Cunningham never doubted it was wrong. In 2015, the 12-year-old from Comox Valley, B.C. was fighting to have gender designations removed from official documents in British Columbia.



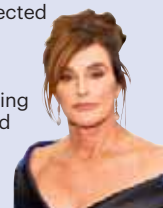
Ayidian Dowling

Ayidian Dowling didn’t win the Men’s Health 2015 “Ultimate Guy Search,” but the trans activist, model and body-builder did win the magazine’s readers’ poll, raising trans awareness — and pulses — around the world.



Caitlyn Jenner

Criticized for her wealth, privilege and surprisingly traditional politics, Caitlyn Jenner was still instrumental in bringing transgender issues to a larger audience. In 2015, *Metro* columnist Emma Teitel called her “a walking, collagen-injected catch-22... damned for speaking out and damned for keeping quiet; damned for being an inferior activist and damned for winning awards based on her activism.”



INTO THE CAPSULE

Gender neutral bathroom sign

Transgender rights were in the spotlight in 2015; from TV shows and movies like *Transparent*, *Orange Is the New Black* and *The Danish Girl*, to Caitlyn Jenner’s sit-down interview with Diane Sawyer and Ayidian Dowling almost winning *Men’s Health* 2015’s Ultimate Guy Search. But for all the glitz, it was a simple sign — seen in everyday life — that symbolized the change most of all.



PrEP'D FOR AN HIV-FREE FUTURE

Here are some of the landmark moments in the Canadian history of one of humanity's most devastating diseases. Along with some more recent developments, we speculate what might happen in the yet-unwritten history of HIV/AIDS. BY DEVON SCOBLE/FOR METRO CANADA



INTO THE CAPSULE

PrEP: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

PrEP, which research has been shown to prevent HIV transmission in 90 per cent of cases, got its first Metro Canada coverage in the final months of 2014.

A staff writer described the Truvada brand of PrEP as both "a revolution in protection against HIV" and a "polarizing" treatment. By 2015, many were calling on Health Canada to fast-track the drug's approval as a preventative treatment.

"It would be one step toward making PrEP more accessible to people who are at risk of HIV," Len Tooley, team coordinator at the HIV Prevention Lab of Ryerson University, told Metro.

Another healthcare advocate quoted by Metro called it a "public health disaster in the making," fearing PrEP would lead at-risk groups to abandon protected sex. (In 2015, abstinence was the only surefire way to avoid the disease, but protected intercourse was a second-best — and much more popular — alternative).

DEVON SCOBLE/FOR METRO

1980

1982

Canada experiences its first death from what will soon be known as AIDS

1983

Researchers discover that women can contract the disease previously believed to be a gay men's syndrome, and that AIDS is caused by the retrovirus HIV

1987

Gaetan Dugas, a gay Canadian flight attendant who died in 1984, is mistakenly identified as Patient Zero and vilified in the international press. The same year, the first antiretroviral drug becomes available

1991

The red ribbon becomes the international symbol of AIDS awareness

1998

The Supreme Court of Canada rules that people living with HIV must disclose their status to sexual partners

2003

A WHO report names AIDS the number one infectious cause of adult death in the world

2005

Health Canada approves a rapid HIV test that works in minutes (previously, results took several days)

2011

Metro reports that researchers at Western University will begin human clinical trials of an HIV vaccine developed by Dr. Chil-Yong Kang, with support from Sumagen Canada

2012

UNAIDS estimates 36 million people have died from AIDS-related causes to-date

2015

Scruff, a popular gay hookup app, allows users to list PrEP use on the safe-sex filter of their dating profiles

2016

A TIMELINE OF HIV AND AIDS IN CANADA



2040

The WHO reports zero new cases of HIV worldwide

2032

With "BillPhil" funding from several billionaire philanthropists, including the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, global HIV coverage begins

2030

For the first time since 1982, Canada reports zero new cases of HIV

2025

The HIV vaccine, or HIVV gets FDA and Health Canada approval

2017

PrEP, which has previously been available as an HIV treatment, gets Health Canada approval as a preventative for HIV-negative people at high risk of contracting the virus

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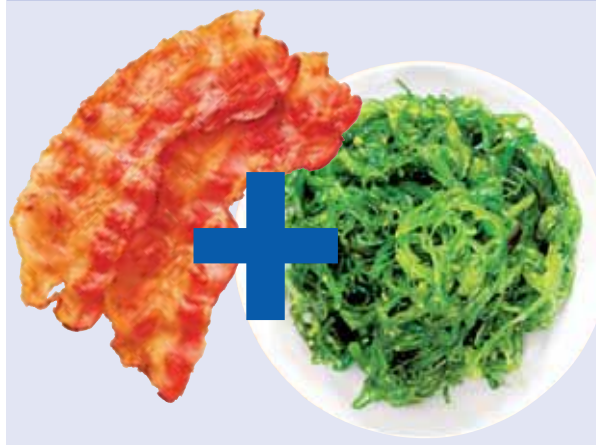
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Artifact:

Dulse — the seaweed that tastes exactly like bacon.

Why it belongs here:

Researchers at Oregon State University had your back in 2015, developing a strain of dulse that tastes like bacon when cooked. "There hasn't been a lot of interest in using it in a fresh form," lead researcher Chris Langdon said. "When you fry it... it tastes like bacon." AFP

PLAYBOY

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This fall,
Playboy
declared that
it was officially
out of the nudie
game.

THE LAST NAKED ISSUE

PAPER PORN

**Readers really
will buy mag for
articles now**

**Brian
Gasperek**
For Metro Canada



The fleshy, vixen-graced cover of the Jan/Feb 2016 edition of Playboy is the very last issue of the magazine to ever feature a naked woman in its pages. And that last naked woman happens to be the most popular naked woman in the history of printed pornography.

It may be mind-boggling to think we lived in an age where our carnal urge to look at sex and nudity couldn't

hands on pornography was to buy it in magazine form at convenience stores or through snail-mail subscriptions. How weird is it that porn once cost money and you had to exert some effort to get it?

The godfather of porno mags was Playboy. Dating back to 1953, Playboy was the first publication of its kind to release a monthly magazine filled with naked women, sandwiched between a variety of articles that men would swear up and down was their reason for buying it.

Up until the end of this year, Playboy was the marquee porno mag to satisfy all skin-gawking urges. It maintained a level of class and quality (for porn) over its copycat competition, like Penthouse. At its peak point of success, Playboy had 5.6

porno — that we're familiar with today. Streaming sites and instant downloads have squashed the need for anybody to ever spend money on a magazine full of naked women again. Why would we?

This fall, Playboy waved its white flag and declared that it was officially out of the nudie game. It announced that starting in 2016, the magazine would focus on quality written content to win over new readers. But not before this one last historic naked issue.

For its final cover girl, Playboy paid tribute to its most iconic nude model of all time, Canadian actress Pamela Anderson. Anderson helped make the magazine a gargantuan success in four different decades, allowing it to be the official outlet to share her once highly desired body with the world.

She appeared naked in Playboy a record-setting 15 times, 14 of which she also graced the cover. But those days are now gone forever.

We thought it was important to share this naked artifact in our time capsule because it not only represents how 2015 marked the end of Playboy's reign as the godfather of porn, it also witnessed the demise of an archaic medium in the skin industry.

So long porno-Playboy!

Marilyn
Monroe on
the December
1953 debut
issue of the
gentleman's
magazine.

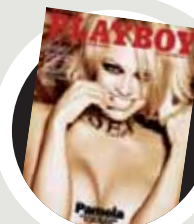
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INTO THE CAPSULE

Jan/Feb 2016 Playboy Magazine

The magazine that helped usher in the sexual revolution in the 1950s and '60s by bringing nudity into living rooms, announced in 2015 that it will no longer run photos of completely naked women. Released on Dec. 1, 2015, this final edition featured Canadian actress Pamela Anderson.



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The high-speed revolution is responsible for bringing us the wealth of information — and instantly accessible

TIME CAPSULE

Artifact:

Adele's 25 album

Why it belongs here:

Hello indeed, Adele! The soulful Brit debuted her long-awaited album, 25, and it gives a huge year-end boost to the struggling music industry. In a time of illegal downloads and pirated music, the album sold a whopping 5 million copies in just three weeks.

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GOOD RIDDANCE, PESKY CABLE BILLS

CRTC

'Pick and pay' is the new way to watch television

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Canada



was announced this year.

After fielding endless complaints from disgruntled couch potatoes who were sick of paying for unwanted content, as well as becoming aware of the popularity of cheaper TV options like online streaming, the CRTC laid the smackdown on our cable providers' monopoly this past spring.

The CRTC told our providers that starting in 2016, consumers

will be given the right to "pick and pay" for only the channels that we actually want to watch.

Once we've purchased a cheap, price-regulated basic cable package from the providers, we will be able to pay for channels individually, like a digital à la carte menu. The old channel bundles will still be an option, but only if we feel like shelling out for them. It's a truly glorious time, from

the consumer's perspective.

We chose to include this cable bill inside our time capsule because it represents how 2015 finally changed the archaic Canadian cable industry as well as the cost of TV watching forever.



INTO THE CAPSULE

A cable bill

This year, the CRTC decided that Canadian consumers will no longer have to pay for expensive traditional cable packages and will now have the right to "pick and pay" for only the individual channels that they want to purchase, beginning in 2016.

As we get closer to a future that features every TV show, movie or special that we're interested in watching being instantly accessible on cheap streaming services like Netflix, iTunes, Amazon and Shomi, it's baffling to think about the way we've been forced to consume television for all of these years, and the costs we've been charged for it.

Until 2015, we've been watching TV by renting digital cable boxes and ordering expensive channel packages through one of a few giant Canadian cable providers. These providers have had complete control over the package costs and what channels are included in each of them.

Although the providers have been wise to the specific channels that we love to watch the most, they haven't let us pay for just those alone. Instead, they've taken our beloved channels, combined them with a bunch of less desirable ones, and have been making us pay a bundled rate for everything together.

If we don't buy the bundle, we can't have the channels.

The worst part is that several of our favourite channels have been featured in separate bundles and, if we want access, we have to buy them all.

Many of us have been paying for more than 500 channels in our homes, when we really watch only a dozen of them regularly.

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ALTERNATIVE SPECIMEN

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A growing number of Canadians were ditching their traditional television subscriptions, according to a CBC research study.

The May 2015 report said more than half of Canadians currently without cable television have "cut the cord."

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"With the prevalence of TV content on the Internet and Netflix, Canadians are seeing less need to have a TV subscription," the report said.

Sixteen per cent of Canadians don't pay for a traditional TV service, up from 12 per cent three years ago, the report said.

"We consider it a big jump," said Mark Allen, senior director of corporate research at CBC/Radio-Canada in Ottawa.

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LIVING

Detached homes face extinction

Devon Scoble

For Metro Canada

Dec 26, 2015, 8 p.m.: The Lees, a typical Canadian family, are relaxing in their living room.

Here's mom, Jennifer, aged 46, comfy in yoga pants and a loose cardigan, reading a magazine made with slick sheets of glossy paper. There's dad, Christopher, 45 years old, beard shot with grey, belly gently straining the buttons of his soft plaid shirt.

He grips a plastic cylinder covered with buttons; every so often his thumb jabs one, changing the images on the flatscreen across the room.

Emily, their 13-year-old daughter sits on an ottoman, leggings tucked beneath her, manicured fingers tapping her smartphone. Occasionally she directs the phone's camera towards her face, pushes her lips out like a duck's beak and angles her chin for a leaner profile.

Her efforts to capture the perfect selfie are continually threatened by her younger brother, Ethan, 10, who will sacrifice points on his iPad game if it means annoying his sister with a choice photobomb.

It's a holiday, and this is family time. Swaths of empty space stretch between each Lee in this 300-square-foot room designed for the sole purpose of



This rendering shows the type of micro suites Reliance Properties is proposing for a project in Vancouver. RELIANCE PROPERTIES HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

media consumption, but they are comfortable.

At this moment, they have no idea theirs will be the last generation to inhabit such vast

living spaces, and little sense of the consequences. They understand the financial costs, of course.

Rising real estate prices are a

hot topic in 2015, and Jen and Chris worry their children will never afford homes of their own. Occupy, COP21, KonMari, Precarity Protests: these things are happening around them, or about to happen. The portrait of their era is taking shape, but the paint's still wet and it's hard to see the whole picture.

They are both right and wrong about the kids. Emily and Ethan won't buy houses like the one they grew up in, but they will have homes, albeit much smaller ones. Early models are already popping up: they call them tiny homes, micro-condos and laneway houses.

Critics worry their construction will force the needy into cramped and dangerous domi-

ciles; early adopters praise their efficient and environmentally responsible design.

In 2015, they are pet projects for environmentalists, urban design enthusiasts and off-the-grid types. The social forces that will make them necessary are still developing; the advances that will make them truly comfortable await invention.

For now, 300 square feet of living room feels reasonable, and the Lees are managing just fine. Jennifer's magazine brims with tips on achieving work-life balance, an obsession of the time.

One article suggests transparent storage bins for excess goods; another describes the supplies she'll need to stock a

personal yoga room.

In the corner, a plastic Christmas tree sparkles with LED lights (Chris still can't get over how cool they are compared to the hot electric bulbs of his youth). At its base a pile of freshly opened presents awaits its fate. Jen sets the magazine down, picks up her phone, and begins tapping out four related lists: Keep, Sell, Return and Donate.

Over the ensuing days, weeks and years, the Lees will spend countless hours buying, returning, cleaning, organizing and re-organizing their things; despite the enormity of their home, they will each, at some point, complain that it is too small.

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INTO THE CAPSULE

A single-family, detached home

In 2015, Metro published dozens of stories on a growing trend: shrinking homes. Micro condos, laneway houses and tiny homes were not the norm in 2015 — an October story estimated only one per cent of new homes measured less than 1,000 square feet. But rising real estate costs, urban land shortages (particularly in Vancouver) and a push towards sustainable building practices added interest and urgency to these stories as Canadians began seriously considering a downsized future.



NANNIES GET THEIR 15 MINUTES

CHILDCARE

Domestic workers step into spotlight

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood



At one point it was something of a Hollywood cliché: husbands sneaking off to engage in dalliances with their families' nannies, endangering their marriages in the process. But it seemed that topic had quieted in recent years, with domestic staff quietly going about their often invisible busi-

fleck and Jennifer Garner announced they were ending their 10-year marriage, and rumors quickly began circulating that Affleck was dating the couple's nanny, Christine Ouzounian. And while Affleck and Garner dealt with the fallout of their breakup, Ouzounian handily turned the moment to her advantage, keeping her chin up and hiring a publicist.

And then in August, Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale announced a divorce of their very own, with further speculation that the 1990s rock star had been caught having some playdates of his own with their nanny — though Mindy Mann's name was dragged through the mud, the allegations were

move to task two nannies with the care of this three young children, despite outcries about the use of the public purse.

"Obviously it will come as no surprise to people that we have a different family situation with three small children than the Harpers did," Trudeau said, referring to former prime minister Stephen Harper, during a 2015 news conference shortly after taking office. "That means we will operate within the same family budget that the previous prime minister had, but we will shuffle it around so that it fits better our priorities."

What's most fascinating about all of this, especially in the case of Ouzounian, is how this job is finally getting such mainstream recognition, putting

childcare work in the spotlight when the role had previously been kept to the side. With the exception of the brief tabloid fascination with the "manny" a decade ago, it's a task predominantly handled by an often invisible workforce made up of

women, minorities and immigrants. What they'll do with this media moment is yet to be seen — they can't all be as media-savvy as Ouzounian — but it is refreshing to see some recognition coming their way.



Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau's children wait for their parents with grandmother Margaret Trudeau (top left) and nanny Marilou Trayvilla (top right). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



INTO THE CAPSULE

Christine Ouzounian, the celebrity nanny

The rich have always had nannies to help look after the kids, and it's not unheard of for husbands to get caught having the au pair look after them a bit as well — just ask Jude Law. But in 2015, it felt like the nanny had something of a moment.



ness. But two high-profile celebrity breakups this summer brought the topic back to the foreground of the pop culture landscape.

First, in late June, Ben Af-

never confirmed.

In a much less salacious story closer to home — one involving the use of taxpayer funds — new Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau defended his

STAR WARS

BLOCKBUSTER BREAKS RECORDS AND THE RULES

The much anticipated seventh installment of the star wars trilogy blasted its way into theatres in December 2015, setting box office records in Canada and around the world.

Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures Canada said the newest movie in the epic space drama reached \$18.6 million in ticket during its opening weekend.

Studio estimates on Dec. 20, 2015, suggested the film brought in a galactic \$238 million over the weekend, making it the biggest North American debut of all time, and destroy the previous opening record set by Jurassic World, which drew \$208.8 million in the summer of 2015.

What's more, some were suggesting the film, directed by J.J. Abram, would usher a change in the way blockbuster movies are cast in Hollywood, because of Star Wars female lead and the diversity of its cast.

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BLUE JAYS BRING IT HOME

BASEBALL

Team boasts major-league best 891 runs

Vincent Man
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The big, ugly monkey that had made its home on the back of the Toronto Blue Jays for the last 22 years has vanished.

And the team's punishing bats can be thanked for that.

Well aware that it had the dubious distinction of the team with the longest absence from the playoffs, the franchise desperately searched for a way in for the first time since 1993.

In reality, the Blue Jays' magical 2015 season began the previous November. First, general manager Alex Anthopoulos paid above market value to sign catcher Russell Martin. He followed that up by dealing fan favourite Brett Lawrie and acquiring all-star third baseman Josh Donaldson from the Oakland Athletics — a swap that signalled he had his eyes squarely on the post-season.

Anthopoulos was not done there, however. With the team not quite over the hump, the GM orchestrated a number of game-changing trades in July. In the days leading up to the trade deadline, the team acquired slugging shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, veteran reliever LaTroy Hawkins, speedy outfielder Ben Revere, setup man Mark Lowe and, the pièce de résistance, former Cy Young award-winner David Price.

The Blue Jays cleared their farm system of their prized pitching prospects but they also pieced together an all-star cast.

Sensing the shift from playing for the future to playing for



Jays fever took a hold of fans as the team advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1993. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

today, fans began to support the Jays in full force. Rogers Centre, which had seemingly been only half full since the team's glory years, instantly boasted sold-out crowds. And paying customers were not disappointed.

The Jays, who were hovering around the .500 mark at the time of the blockbusters, quickly climbed the standings

with opposing pitching staffs left licking their wounds. The batting lineup anchored by Donaldson, Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion finished the season with a major-league best 891 runs.

Toronto's pitching also held its own. Price went 9-1, while starter Marco Estrada (13-8, 3.13 ERA) and 20-year-old closer Roberto Osuna (20 saves) emerged as key arms.

The Jays won the AL East with a 93-69 record and defeated the Texas Rangers in the ALDS — but not before an epic comeback. They lost the first two games in the series, and then forced a deciding fifth game after a pair of their own wins.

The emotionally charged Game 5 saw the Jays trail 3-2 in the seventh inning when Bautista belted a three-run home run, followed by a bat flip of the tape-measure variety. They won the game 6-3.

The Blue Jays ran out of magic in the ALCS when they were beaten in six games by the Kansas City Royals, the eventual World Series champs.

It could be argued the Jays are in position to repeat their winning ways in 2016 with many key players expected to return. At the very least, they will have a large following — both new and old.

With everyone invested in this team having experienced playoff baseball, failure is no longer an option and winning a championship is surely the next step in the master plan.

+ OFF-SEASON MOVES

- Mark Shapiro was hired to replace the retiring Paul Beeston as the team's president and CEO.
- Soon after, Anthopoulos declined a contract offer to stay on as GM. The Jays

eventually hired Ross Atkins.
• The Boston Red Sox signed David Price to a seven-year, \$217-million deal after Toronto failed to make a contract offer.

+ FRESH INK



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A day after Bautista's bat flip, fan Bryan Bevins got this tattoo of the slugger in all of his glory.

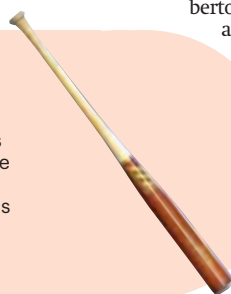
Bautista weighed in on the tatt by reposting an image of it and saying, "I have heard and seen some crazy stuff in the last 24 hours but this one takes the prize home!!"



INTO THE CAPSULE

Jose Bautista's bat

After the Jays slugging right-fielder hit his instantly iconic home run in Game 5 of the 2015 ALDS, he tossed his bat with a mixture of fury and pure joy. The "bat flip" was the moment that underscored 2015, the year the Jays began to act like winners.



WHAT WE WATCHED

PLAYS FOR THE TIME CAPSULE

The year was laden with spectacular moments. The following plays made fans leap from their seats in disbelief and grab their smartphones to share the excitement — the most memorable from 2015.

Joey Bats' bat flip

Game 5 of the American League Division Series, tie game, seventh inning. Who better than a guy who goes by "Joey Bats" — real name, Jose Bautista — to deliver? Bautista connected on a no-doubt, three-run home run that would eventually lift Toronto to a series-clinching victory over Texas, punctuating the hit by admiring the drive from the plate for a moment before flipping his bat in celebration.



The Butler did it ... in the Super Bowl

Seattle was a yard away from a touchdown that would have almost certainly given the Seahawks a Super Bowl win. New England's Malcolm Butler — an undrafted rookie signed as a free agent — changed all that. With the Seahawks electing to not give the ball to Marshawn Lynch and trying to score through the air, Butler perfectly read a slant pass from Russell Wilson and made the interception that clinched the title for the Patriots.

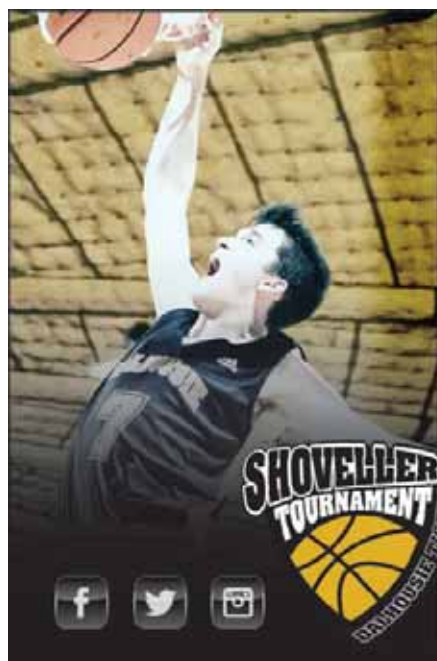
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Holly's kick heard 'round the world

Ronda Rousey was unbeatable. Then again, everyone is until it actually happens. And unheralded Holly Holm erased Rousey's air of invincibility in an instant. With one swift left-footed kick that caught Rousey on the right side of the head, Holm won their UFC fight and became the women's champion of their sport — setting up a rematch coming in 2016 that should be one of the biggest events of the year.


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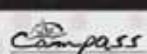
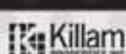
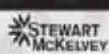
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IN A SEA OF CORRUPTION

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Players rise up amidst FIFA controversy

Laurie Wilson
Metro

On the eve of the 2015 Women's World Cup, the ladies of the 24 best soccer-playing nations combated the corruption and ineptitude of the sport's governing body in the best way possible: They played the game.

On May 27, just 10 days from the start of the World Cup, FIFA was thrown into unprecedented turmoil when 14 officials were indicted by the FBI on money laundering, wire fraud and racketeering charges.

The newly re-elected Sepp Blatter said he would step down as FIFA head. Perhaps not surprisingly he abandoned the Women's World Cup, eschewing his duties as president and electing instead to bunker down in Switzerland.

He was hardly missed.

First-time hosts Canada opened with a 1-0 win over China in the opener at Commonwealth Stadium on June 6. Christine Sinclair converted from the penalty spot in the 92nd-minute kicking off the

1.3 million

Over 1.3 million fans attended the 52 games played in Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver from June 6 to July 5.

FIFA and KantarSport reported record TV numbers with 764 million tuning into the World Cup final. The U.S.-Japan match had better ratings (3.8 million) in Canada than Game 6 of the 2015 Stanley Cup final (2.6 million).

party across the country.

Still the issue of the playing surfaces which had hung over the event for months remained at the fore during the cup. The artificial turfs reportedly boosted temperatures exponentially at field level, the synthetic surfaces sucking in heat and focusing the sweltering June sun's rays down on the players.

Despite going undefeated through the Round of 16, the added glare of the national spotlight seemed to do nothing but stunt the host team's attack.

John Herdman's squad showed a lack of cohesion. Four goals in five matches signalled something was wrong ahead



Kadeisha Buchanan chases down the ball during first half FIFA Women's World Cup quarter-final soccer action against England in Vancouver. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of the quarter-final against England.

That lack of offence ensured Lauren Sessellmann's defensive gaffe in the quarter-final against England would stand as the defining moment for the Reds. Sinclair's goal was not enough for Canada to avoid elimination with a 2-1 loss.

England carried that bad luck with it to its own 2-1 defeat in

the semifinal against Japan. Defender Laura Basset's own goal in the 92nd minute laid claim to Most-Heartbreaking Moment of the Tournament.

The U.S. held serve with a 2-0 semi-final win over Germany setting up a dream finish. The Americans would get the chance to avenge their shoot-out loss to Japan in the 2011 World Cup.

Cue American captain Carli Lloyd.

When it was all said and done, the finale that was hyped

as too close to call was all but over less than a quarter of the way in.

Lloyd had the Japanese scrambling and the thousands of Americans in attendance at BC Place in euphoria when she completed her treble at the 16-minute mark. She capped off the hat-trick with an audacious mid-field strike the likes of which might never be seen again in a World Cup final.

After Lloyd's wonder goal, the Americans cruised to a 5-2 win and celebrated their third

World Cup championship and first since 1999.

By a number of measurements the 2015 Women's World Cup was being considered the best ever just over a month after FIFA corruption threatened to overshadow the proceedings.

Despite pledging to step down, Blatter continued to cling to his power, drawing out his own demise.

But the 2015 Women's World Cup made it clear that the sport itself had already moved on without him.



INTO THE CAPSULE

Piece of artificial turf from Women's World Cup

The 2015 Women's World Cup marked a turning point for FIFA and soccer in general. The event offset the dismantling and restructuring of world soccer's governing body, putting the focus back where it belongs — on the game.



PAN AM GAMES

CANADA PROVES WORTHY STAGE

It's hard to believe now, but before the cauldron was lit there was anxiety surrounding the Pan Am Games.

There were traffic and transit concerns. The price tag seemed extraneous for what many considered a B-level event. Whispers of low ticket sales and hotel reservations hinted at financial doom and gloom.

In the years leading up to it, the Pan Am-Parapan Am Games were on the periphery of public awareness. The brand wasn't widely loved or even well-known in Canada;

top athletes from around the Americas mostly sat out.

But even though they didn't capture the imagination of a country or arguably even a city, it's hard to dump on the Games.

Getting tens of thousands of volunteers — and Kanye! — to show up, avoiding total chaos and keeping Toronto secure while hosting tens of thousands should be considered a success.

Plus, Canada achieved its goal of finishing second in the medal standings, nabbing 217. Only the U.S. won more with 265.

At the Parapans our 168 podium appearances were second only to Brazil's 257.

Through the events, many of us were introduced to rising stars like sprinter Andre De Grasse, gymnast Ellie Black and point guard Jamal Murray.

In the afterglow, for a few weeks at least, Toronto thought that maybe, just maybe, it could host the Big One.

But cooler heads prevailed and Toronto's 2024 Olympic bid was taken off the table. And of course there are still reasons to gripe.

The Pan/Parapan Am's only medal came back \$175 million on the \$2.423 billion invested. Fifty-seven organizing officials sharing a \$5.7-million bonus just for staying under budget still chafes.

But in the coming years, the sporting impact will come back into focus. Pan Am standouts will win medals at the 2016

Olympics in Rio. If Canada improves on the 18 medals it won at the 2012 Olympics, some revisionists will look back at TO2015 more fondly.

So the Pan/Parapan Am Games' real legacy will rest in

the athletes of the near and farther future, and Toronto showed that it is capable of hosting THE Games. But just because you can doesn't necessarily mean you should.

LAURIE WILSON/METRO



INTO THE CAPSULE

Andre DeGrasse's gold medal

Canadian athletes, like the winner of the 100-metre dash, served notice that a new generation of medal contenders are on the horizon just in time for Rio. But, despite the perceived success of the Pan Am Games, Toronto put aside its Olympic hosting dreams.



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Prep time: 60 minutes

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 4 Tbsp butter
- 1 1/2 lbs cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 2 cups leftover turkey, cubed
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 cup low sodium vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup light cream
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 package frozen puff pastry (397 grams)
- 1 egg

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a large pot or Dutch oven, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, mushrooms, celery, thyme and pepper and cook 12 to 15 minutes until vegetables soften. Add cooked turkey and stir.
3. Sprinkle flour over and stir. Let cook for a minute or two to get rid of the raw flour taste. Stir in the stock, cream and frozen peas. Simmer for a couple minutes. Taste to check seasoning.
4. On a lightly floured countertop, roll out your puff pastry until it is 1/4-inch thick. Cut into squares that will cover your ramekins and flop over the edges a bit.
5. Ladle vegetable mixture into individual ramekins. Place a little pastry lid over each. Whisk an egg with just a bit of water in a small bowl. Brush the top of each pie with the egg wash. Take a knife and score slits into the pastry tops. Place the ramekins on a cookie sheet and bake for 25 to 30 minutes until the crusts are golden. Allow to rest and cool for at least 15 minutes before serving. They will be hot, hot, hot.

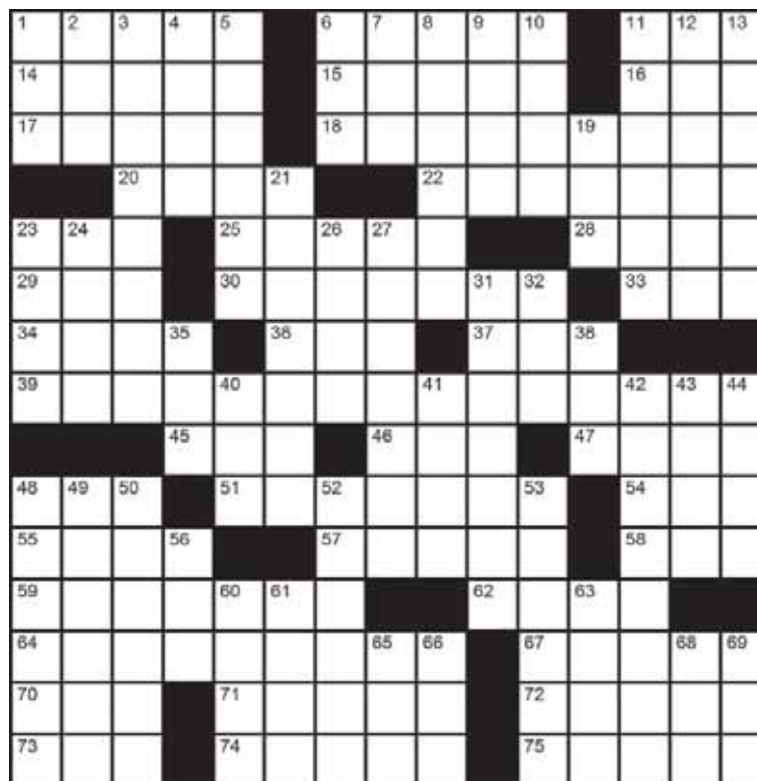
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ACROSS

1. "Deck the Halls": "the ancient Yule tide carol..."
6. ___ charge (Held the helm)
11. "___ Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"
14. Hawk's habitation, variantly
15. Composed
16. Edinburgh 'uh-uh'
17. Was inclined, like Pisa
18. Christmas dessert
20. Exam
22. Exclaimed "Oh, fiddlesticks!"
23. Couple
25. Purpose
28. Better half
29. "Happy Xmas (___ Is Over)"
30. Temples of tiers
33. Said 'hello' like Rocky
34. Solo song
36. Semi
37. Eggs come in one [abbr.]
39. Extra little Christmas gift: 2 wds.
45. Suffix with 'Velvet'
46. 'L' of L.A.
47. Ms. Remini
48. Not her
51. Garden structures for shade
54. Ms. Gabor, when doubled
55. Not worth ___ (Without value)
57. Put forth
58. Rock gr., with Led



59. Most nervous
62. Cab
64. "O Little Town of ___"
67. Decrease
70. Goose: French
71. Turn while driving
72. Banish

73. Cadillac's lettered sedan
74. Noblemen
75. Tenet

DOWN

1. Puny phone
2. Particular loaf
3. 1734: "Christmas

- ___ by Johann Sebastian Bach
4. Queue
5. Abates, perhaps as a Winter storm: 2 wds.
6. Panda logo org.
7. ETA part, briefly
8. ___ up, as cars

9. "How sweet ___!" - Jackie Gleason
10. Amsterdam's locale, briefly
11. Sort of: 3 wds.
12. Bring along: 2 wds.
13. Ranked, as top tennis players

19. Picture-taker, briefly
21. Russian empress
23. "___ the night before Christmas..."
24. Tip to 'hog' (Wild swine)
26. Opposin'
27. Skier's eyes protection
31. Partakes in charades: 2 wds.
32. After-R trio
35. Champion
38. Baltimore Ravens org.
40. Beer barrel
41. Boo-hoos
42. Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol character
43. Simplicity
44. Queen's 'Bohemian', e.g.
48. Storage for a derby or fedora
49. Santa's sleigh spotter's shout!: 3 wds.
50. Del ___ (Belonging to a famous canned fruit brand)
52. Plectrum-played instrument
53. Closed, as the Christmas card envelope
56. Informally seat theatre-goers
60. Additional
61. ___ good example
63. Hugs and kisses on a greeting card
65. Moray ___
66. Santa's wife, ___ Claus
68. Tree type
69. Actor Stephen

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You don't have to do anything special or go anywhere new to get what you need — those things will find you if you stay put. Let others run around and tire themselves while you relax.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Have the courage to follow your dreams. If you reach for the sky you will achieve something truly amazing. It's time to get over your self-doubt and shine like a star again.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Things will get even better when Mercury, your ruler, changes signs towards the end of the week. Social activities and travel plans are under excellent stars at the moment, so get out and about and have fun.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Others say you're aiming too high but you're determined to prove them wrong. There is nothing you like more than a challenge but don't get so competitive that you start treating friends as rivals.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Everything you do affects what happens in the future. Also, as you think today so you will be tomorrow, and how you act tomorrow will build your future prosperity.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Before you go telling everyone what they should be doing maybe you should wait a bit. Towards the end of the week you may see the situation in a very different light.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you are the kind of Libra who enjoys organizing social events and getting involved in causes you'll enjoy yourself today. Even if you're not that kind of Libra, aim to be one.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You'll go out of your way to help people in need. Are you trying to make up for things you should have done earlier in the year? It doesn't really matter. Good works are valuable no matter the motivation.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to get serious about money and what happens next will force you to save. But you also need to find new sources of income, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make an effort to get your message across over the next few days, because once Mercury, planet of communication, leaves your birth sign next weekend that won't be so easy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Allow your imagination to roam and don't reject ideas because they seem far-fetched. You have the power to make things happen but they won't just happen as if by magic. Visualize your goals then act decisively.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Others may say you're acting irrationally but so what? Most likely they are simply jealous because they are stuck in the past and don't share your ability to look ahead.

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